



NOW RECRUITING FOR

# STAFF PSYCHIATRIST

EXAMINATION IS ADMINISTERED CONTINUOUSLY  
OPEN FOR SACRAMENTO HEADQUARTERS AND NORWALK HEADQUARTERS

**SALARY RANGE: A: \$7,810 - 9,492    B: \$8,187 - 9,951    C: \$8,424 - 10,239**

**THE POSITION:** The Department of Mental Health uses this classification in a variety of ways. These include:

**Medi-Cal Oversight (Sacramento and Norwalk):** Review Treatment Authorization Request (TAR) appeals for medical necessity denied at the first level by the Mental Health Plan (MHP); make recommendations to the Department of Mental Health (DMH) Appeals Hearing Officer to uphold or reverse the first level decision in part or whole; meet and consult with DMH Hearing Officer and other staff regarding medical necessity recommendations; consult with clinical staff in the MHP or in the Service Provider regarding medical issues which need to be raised; participate in the annual review of SD/MC funded psychiatric hospital in order to review medical necessity criteria and the utilization management; review medication monitoring and support systems for compliance as part of the Medi-Cal provider certification process; review clinical issues, including general medical issues, which need to be brought to the local mental health program's attention; meet with program chief and/or medical director to consult on these issues; provide consultation to State DMH staff for review of statewide mental health program proposals and special issues presented by local mental health directors; and do other related work.

**Pre-Admission Screening and Resident Review (Sacramento):** Review referrals from nursing facilities of persons with suspected mental disorders to determine if evaluation by Department of Mental Health is appropriate; review completed PASARR psychiatric evaluations and make recommendations for residents' mental health treatment; assist in the training of Contractor clinical and administrative staff as well as provide ongoing consultation, monitoring, and evaluation to the Contractor re: the PASARR process; assist in the review of evaluator vitas and make recommendations to DMH management regarding evaluator approval to perform Level II evaluations; provide consultation, training and support to DMH staff and management re: the medical/psychiatric needs and treatment of residents in Nursing Facilities; and other related duties. The successful candidate will have knowledge of and experience in gero-psychiatry, psychotropic medications, the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual-Fourth Edition, the interaction of mental and medical disorders in the elderly and be able to function as a member of a DMH interdisciplinary team; and do other related work.

**Forensic Services-Support Operations (Sacramento):** Support the DMH's Penal Code Section 2962 Mentally Disordered Offender (MDO) evaluation activities; perform a variety of evaluative, consultative, monitoring and training functions related to the Department's MDO evaluations and evaluators; be called upon from time to time to assume a similar role or perform similar duties relating to non-MDO forensic issues and activities; and do other related work.

**REQUIREMENTS:** Possession of the legal requirements for the practice of medicine in California as determined by the California Board of Medical Quality Assurance or the Board of Osteopathic Examiners. (Applicants who are in the process of securing approval of their qualifications by the Board of Medical Quality Assurance or the Board of Osteopathic Examiners will be admitted to the examination, but the Board to which application is made must determine that all legal requirements have been met before candidates will be eligible for appointment.) **AND**

One year of experience in the practice of psychiatry or completion of one year of an approved residency in psychiatry.

**SPECIAL PERSONAL CHARACTERISTIC:** Sympathetic and objective understanding of the problems of the mentally ill; tact; patience; and ability to handle stressful situations.

**EXAMINATION INFORMATION:** The examination consists of an oral interview only. You will be contacted for scheduling once test dates have been set.

**DRUG TESTING REQUIREMENT:** Applicants for positions in this class are required to pass a drug-screening test. Testing of current employees who are applicants in an examination or who are transferring is permitted only if the person does not have a current appointment to a class for which drug testing is a requirement.

Positions exist at Sacramento Headquarters and Norwalk Headquarters.

Submit a State application to:

Department of Mental Health  
Personnel Office  
1600 9<sup>th</sup> Street, Room 121  
Sacramento, CA 95814

For additional information, you may visit our website at [www.dmh.ca.gov](http://www.dmh.ca.gov)  
or you may contact Cynthia Buchignani, Selection Analyst at (916) 654-2535.  
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